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**CHDP Program Letter No. 98-6**

**TO:** Community Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program Directors  
and Deputy Directors

**SUBJECT: COVERAGE THROUGH STATE-ONLY FUNDING FOR CHILD HEALTH  
AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR  
YOUTH IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

State legislation enacted in 1989 provided funding for CHDP health assessments for youth up to the age of 19 years. Based on the request of local CHDP programs, a review of the laws and regulations relating to use of state-only funding to cover CHDP health assessments in county-operated facilities, including correctional facilities, juvenile hall, and youth camps, has been completed.

The policy information in this CHDP Program Letter supersedes and replaces CHDP Program Letters 81-1, 86-4, and 86-5.

Policy guidelines for health assessments for youth placed in county-operated correctional facilities, juvenile halls, and youth camps are as follows:

CHDP regulations allow for state-only CHDP health assessment services to be provided to youth up to the age of 19 whose family is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

2. Health needs of incarcerated youth in a state-operated correctional facility are the responsibility of the Department of Corrections.
3. Health needs of youth incarcerated in federal correctional facilities are the responsibility of the federal agency operating the facility.

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4. CHDP health assessments shall be provided by CHDP-enrolled providers. Training and approval of providers who provide health assessments to incarcerated youth are the responsibility of local CHDP programs. As part of the training, the local programs shall inform the CHDP provider that:
  - a. CHDP providers are responsible for CHDP health assessments to youth in county corrections facilities, including juvenile halls, and a DHS 4073 must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of any youth in a county correctional facility receiving a CHDP health assessment. The CHDP provider is also responsible for determining the parent or legal guardian.
  - b. The private insurance carriers must be billed if a child is eligible for other health coverage.

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact your regional consultant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maridee Gregory, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maridee A. Gregory, M.D., Chief  
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